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Dear Ms. Crawford,

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship ("OSBE") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes contained in LSA Document 14-338 proposed by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA). The proposed rule adds 405 IAC 5-37-0.5 to define tobacco dependence treatment and tobacco products. It amends 405 IAC 5-37-1 to change reimbursement criteria for tobacco dependence treatment. It amends 405 IAC 5-37-3 to add additional licensed practitioners who may prescribe tobacco cessation services reimbursable under the Medicaid program. Effective 30 days after filing with the publisher.

The economic impact statement prepared by FSSA expects that any increase in provider costs will be offset by increases in revenue through reimbursement from the Medicaid program. Thus, there is no negative economic impact that compliance will have on a small business subject to this rule. OSBE does not object to the economic impact to small business associated with the proposed rule. If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 232.5679 or ombudsman@osbe.in.gov.

Regards,

Erik Scheub

